

Public Servants – Revenue Department - Allegation of possession of disproportionate assets against Sri R. Damodara Rao, Sub Registrar – Conducting of departmental enquiry – Orders – Issued.

G.O.Rt.No.1829

- 1) From the D.G., ACB Hyderabad Letter Rc.No.192/RCA-WVP/2007-S-11, dt.25-10-2007.
- 2) Govt.Memo.No.52442/Vig.VI(1)/07-2, dt.9-7-08.
- 3) From Sri R.Damodara Rao, S.R. /Supdt. Representation dt.4-7-2008

The Director General, Anti Corruption Bureau, has informed that on credible information that Sri Reddi Damodara Rao who has been working as Sub Registrar, Palakonda, Srikakulam District acquired assets disproportionate to the known sources of his income by indulging in corrupt practices, a case in Cr.No.9/RCA-VSP/2007 u/s.13(2) r/w 13(1)(e) of the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988 was registered and taken up investigation. After investigation he has submitted preliminary report stating that Sri R. Damoder Rao, Sub Registrar is in possession of disproportionate assets to a tune of Rs.47,94,837/- by indulging in corrupt practices and therefore requested the Government to accord permission for attachment of the properties of the Accused Officer pending final report.

2. Sri R.Damoder Rao, Sub Registrar has submitted a representation to the Government stating that his wife is an Income Tax payer. Thus he is possessing immovable properties worth Rs.14,00,000/- and bank balances worth of Rs.16,00,000/- through all legal sources and the income was worked out to Rs.76,09,381/-, but the Anti Corruption Bureau calculation in respect of the above items is erroneous, baseless, untenable, unrealistic and unjust. The main contention of the Charged Officer is that the Anti Corruption Bureau, though it is very much clear in his Sub Registrar entries that he is in possession of about Ac.6.30 cents of agricultural land, has failed to consider the agricultural income and did not mention even a single pie. Similarly in respect of Flat at Shreya Towers, VSP, they have not considered the rental income derived on the flat as the possession of the flat was very much brought to the notice of the competent authority and necessary entries were made in the Sub Registrar. And also the rental income on the flat was shown in the IT returns and Annual property Returns. It is further observed that the income derived on the premises bearing D.No.37-5-1/7, Kapparda, Visakhapatnam, owned by

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the wife of Accused Officer to a tune of Rs.5,00,000/- were not taken into account of the income of his wife. That the ancestral properties were reported by the Anti Corruption Bureau as acquired assets by the Charged Officer himself and that the income derived on the ancestral properties were also not taken into consideration by the Anti Corruption Bureau. The Accused Officer contends that if all the above factors were taken into consideration by the Anti Corruption Bureau, there would not have been any disproportionate assets. He has therefore requested the Government to exonerate him of the above charge.

3. Government have examined the matter in detail and noticed that the Director General, Anti Corruption Bureau has not taken in to consideration of the valid incomes, inspite of producing necessary documents. Government have, therefore, decided that the matter needs further departmental enquiry and to take further action on the result of the enquiry. Accordingly Government order to conduct departmental enquiry into the issue.

4. The Commissioner & Inspector General of Registration & Stamps, Hyderabad shall take further action to conduct departmental enquiry into the allegations of possession of disproportionate assets, against Sri R. Damoder Rao, Sub Registrar and submit enquiry report with the specific findings of the I.A. to Government for taking further action. The enquiry should be completed within (3) months positively and the Accused Officer should cooperate with the conducting of inquiry.

5. The Director General, Anti Corruption Bureau shall submit draft articles of charges against Sri R. Damoder Rao, Sub Registrar, to the Commissioner & Inspector General of Registration & Stamps, Hyderabad directly under intimation to Government.

6. Regarding the issue of attachment of properties it is decided that it is premature and not desirable at this stage, and the Director General, Anti Corruption Bureau was informed accordingly vide reference 2nd read above. Basing on the result of the enquiry, Government will take a decision in the matter.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

K.RATNA PRABHA
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
The Director General, Anti Corruption Bureau, Hyderabad.
The Commissioner & Inspector General of
Registration & Stamps, Hyderabad.
Copy to:
The Secretary to Vigilance Commissioner,
Andhra Pradesh Vigilance Commission, Hyderabad.

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